

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending in the above-identified application. Support for new claim 17 is found, for example, at page 2 of the present specification which describes the different portions of the ranges for the “x” and ‘y” coordinates which ranges are combined together in claim 17.

*Election Requirement*

The subject matter of the claims of the present application have been subjected to an Election Requirement as follows:

Species I -- Figures 1-3 ( $0 \leq y \leq 10$  mm)

Species II -- Figure 8 ( $-5 \text{ mm} \leq y \leq 0$  mm);

Species III -- Figure 9 ( $-10 \leq x \leq 0$  mm); and

Species IV -- Figure 10 ( $0 \text{ mm} \leq x \leq 10$  mm).

First, it is noted that Species I should additionally include Figure 4 which is evident from the description at pages 4-6 of the present specification.

*Election of Species and Identification of Claims Readable Thereon*

Applicants hereby elect Species I, i.e. Figures 1-4. The claims readable on Species I include original claims 1-4, as well as new claim 17 which is generic to all of the listed species, i.e. Species I-IV.

*Reasons for Traversal of Election Requirement*

The above-noted Election Requirement is respectfully traversed. First, it is noted that this election is made “provisionally”. Second, it is submitted that there is no undue burden placed on the Examiner to examine all of the Species I-IV, since the only difference among these

species is the specified range for "x" and "y" coordinates such that the search and examination issues for these embodiments overlap.

If any questions arise regarding the above matters, please contact Applicant's representative, Andrew D. Meikle (Reg. No. 32,868), in the Washington Metropolitan Area at the phone number listed below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

- Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.
- Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

By \_\_\_\_\_

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